



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

City Hall
730 Washington Ave.
Racine, WI 53403
www.cityofracine.org

Finance and Personnel Committee

*Chairman Thomas Friedel, Vice Chair Sandy Weidner
Alderman James T. Spangenberg, Alderman Aron Wisneski, Alderman Michael Shields*

Monday, September 10, 2007

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

PRESENT: Thomas Friedel, James Spangenberg, Sandy Weidner, Aron Wisneski and Michael Shields

Approval of Minutes for the August 27, 2007 Meeting. to Approve the Minutes

1. [07-1109](#) Subject: Request from Frank Tingle to make a donation to the City tree fund to offset airplane travel carbon emissions.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 9-10-07: The City of Racine accept the donation. A revenue fund for the donation of funds to purchase trees will be set up through the Parks & Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 9-12-07: that the request be approved and the donation accepted.

Fiscal Note: minimal staff costs
Frank Tingle, employee of Redwood.com appeared before the Committee requesting donating funds to use towards the purchase of trees for the City of Racine.
Recommended For Approval
2. [07-1104](#) Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief to waive formal bidding and instruct the Purchasing Agent to negotiate for the Fire Department on the purchase of a new rescue squad in 2008.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 9-10-07: Formal bidding be waived and the City's Purchasing Agent negotiate and enter into a contract with Foster Coach for the purchase of a Ford/Medtec Ambulance in 2008.

Fiscal Note: Funds will come from the 2008 CIP funds.
Fire Chief Steve Hansen appeared before the Committee to discuss waiving the formal bidding process and instructing the Purchasing Agent to negotiate with Foster Coach on a replacement Ford/Medtec Ambulance for the Fire Department.
Recommended For Approval
3. [07-1112](#) Subject: Communication from the Assistant City Attorney submitting the claim of Cornelius Gordon and Mary Gordon for consideration.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 9-10-07: The claim of Cornelius Gordon and Mary Gordon be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Nicole Loop, Assistant City Attorney, appeared before the Committee to discuss denial of a claim reimbursement of \$5,000.00 made by Cornelius & Mary Gordon for repairs in the sanitary sewer lateral.

Recommended For Denial

4. [07-1011](#)

Subject: Request by Wisconsin Housing Preservation Corporation for issuance of bonds by the Elderly Housing Authority for the refinancing and renovation of property in the City.

Recommendation of the Elderly Housing Authority on 8-20-07: That the Common Council of the City of Racine approve the sale of bonds for the benefit of two properties owned by the Wisconsin Housing Preservation Corporation, Oakview Manor Apartments at 4720 Byrd Avenue and Lincoln School Apartments at 1840 State Street (a.k.a 1130 Carlisle Avenue).

Further that Resolution EDH 07-01 be adopted.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 9-10-07: Approval of the sale of bonds for the benefit of two properties owned by the Wisconsin Housing Preservation Corporation, Oakview Manor Apartments at 4720 Byrd Avenue and Lincoln School Apartments at 1840 State Street (a.k.a. 1130 Carlisle Avenue).

Fiscal Note: The bonds will not be a financial liability of the Authority or the City.

Brian F. O'Connell, Director of City Development, and Dan O'Connell, Wisconsin Housing Preservation Corporation, appeared before the Committee to discuss approval of the sale of bonds for the benefit of two properties owned by the Wisconsin Housing Preservation Corporation.

Recommended For Approval

5. [07-1106](#)

Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission to apply and accept funding from the Department of Health and Family Services. (Grant Control #2007-044)

(Also refer to the Board of Health.)

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 9-10-07: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$26,296 agreement with the Department of Health and Family Services (Grant control #2007-044) to be utilized to support pandemic influenza readiness by completing activities defined in the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control.

Recommendation of the Board of Health on 09-11-07: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$26,296 agreement with the Department of Health and Family Services (Grant control #2007-044) to be utilized to support pandemic influenza readiness by completing activities defined in the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control.

Fiscal Note: No match is required on the part of the City.

Janelle Grammer, Public Health Administrator, appeared before the Committee requesting permission to apply and accept funding from the Department of Health and Family Services.

Recommended For Approval

6. [07-0261](#) Subject: Communication from the Director of Human Resources requesting an opportunity to discuss updating employment status and allocation of benefits for Non-Represented employees.
- Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 3-12-07: Item to be deferred.
- Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 08-27-07: The item to be deferred.
- Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 09-10-07: The item be deferred.
- Fiscal Note: N/A
- Sylvia Coronado-Romero, Director of Human Resources, appeared before the Committee requesting to discuss updating employment status and allocation of benefits for Non-represented employees. She is waiting for the 'exception' statement from the City Attorney's office. The item was deferred.*
- Deferred**

Miscellaneous Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2007 at City Hall, Room 301.